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ALL EYES ON ADELAIDE

Yesterday (Good Friday) Victoria played New South Wales in the Interstate Carnival in Adelaide and on Thursday night met Queensland under floodlights. Results were not to hand when we went to press, but next week full, comprehensive reports of each game, forwarded to us by Ray Carlson, will be included in issue No. 4 of "Soccer News".

It is known that Victoria will meet stiff opposition—pre-carnival reports from Queensland tell of the northerners practising under floodlights, while in S.A. they have been playing regular games since last October under lighting.

A rather unusual feature of this carnival is the Australian Association's refusal to allow any State to use more than 16 players in the series — including the "Home" State.

There is no doubt of South Australia's ability to run such a carnival — previous trips to S.A. have always been appreciated by Victoria, but it is to be hoped that Victoria has a better run on this occasion than on previous occasions for it is now some years since we defeated S.A. on their own hill, although we deal smartly with them when they come thisaway. So here's wishing our boys the best of luck and the South Australian Association a financial success.

THE N.S.W. PLAYERS IN ADELAIDE FOR THE INTERSTATE CARNIVAL

Goalkeepers: R. Lord (Auburn); D. Bone (West Walls). Full-backs: C. Almond (Cessnock); D. Wendt (Auburn); K. O'Neill (Cessnock). Half-backs: W. Williams (Woonona); L. Hearne (East Lakes); D. McComish (Glad-Ryde); M. Walker (Glad-Ryde); R. Herd (Wallsend). Forwards: C. Stewart (Woonona); F. Sands (Leichhardt); K. Learmonth (Corrimal); J. Lennard (Mayfield); J. Peel (Wallsend); H. Robertson (Leichhardt). Manager: Mr. T. Tennant.

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EDITORIAL

All communications re Soccer News to the Editor,
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Hakoah's defeat of Prahran last Saturday by the heavy margin of 6 goals to 1 shows up the Jewish asone of the strongest club teams Victoria has seen for years. Rice and Sutherland make inside-forward play look like a kid's game, and with able assistance from Balabanski (O.R.) and Ressler (O.L.) Gottesman must be a very happy centre-forward indeed. The defence headed by Tommy Jack at centre-half, has but one weakness. Clubs wishing to know where that is may find out either by playing Hakoah or sending a stamped addressed envelope to this paper.

Surprise of last Saturday was Juventus's inability to do better than draw with Polonia after the latter's defeat by Brighton the previous week. Brighton also could only manage a draw at Elsternwick Park against South Yarra. Footscray City had a hard struggle to defeat Box Hill by the odd goal in nine at Henry Turner Reserve.

In the Second Division South Melbourne United rather surprisingly defeated Maccabi by 4-3 in a ding-dong battle at Middle Park. George Cross overwhelmed the Jugo-slav club — White Eagles.

This year soccer coverage in most of the daily Press is excellent, but one cannot say the same of the weekend "Sporting Globe". It is an extraordinary fact that the State's only all sports paper still persists in ignoring soccer except on such occasions as when a fracas occurs. Last week, and the previous week, only a few scores were published and not even all the First Division results were included. Might pay the "Sporting Globe" to pep things up a little.

We very much regret the loss of most of our contributors' copy last week on the way to the printers. This was not our fault, but that of the Victorian Railways. Normally a package sent from Sandringham by passenger train takes half an hour to reach our printers. Last week it took two days and arrived too late for all of it to go in the paper. Material which was left out, will go in this week, except where the time lapse has made it out of date.

This week, with Good Friday upsetting calculations, it is possible that some articles may arrive too late for publication. These will be included next week.

"Soccer News" pictorial featuring of the Brighton Club on their new ground at Elsternwick Park, seems to have been well received by all accounts. As stated previously it is intended to feature other clubs in the same way during the season, and the next club "Soccer News" will visit in force will be Juventus at the Showgrounds in their home game against Prahran on May 1. Pictures taken will be in "Soccer News" the following week — May 8.

Photographing football is a painstaking, heartbreaking job and readers would be surprised to see how many shots are necessary to get one good one. It is so easy to miss by just that split second that makes all the difference.

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HOME and AWAY

By REX BENSON

AMATEURISM OUT OF HAND

There is a strict rule of amateurism for the Empire Games, as for the Olympic Games, in which Australian soccer hopes to have an interest, however brief.

As there appears some doubt about the interpretation of the rule, a ridiculous state of affairs exists concerning the Bowling team to represent England. (However this game gets in never ceases to amaze me.) Players can go only if they can afford the £750 fare and expenses! A true case of buying an international blazer if ever there was one, as the new team contains no previous representative player. What sort of soccer team could be sent to Hong Kong if selected players were picked only on their ability to pay, rather than play?

WORKING THEIR PASSAGE

The possession of an F.A. Cup-Final ticket is quite a prize: gone are the days when an ex-rugby international Member of Parliament could order 50 for his friends. There are some free entries, but other than those for guests of the F.A. they have to be earned. The ball-boys are specially selected from schoolboy players recommended by their school headmasters, but the latest scheme to operate at the coming Final is for Council members of County Associations to act as stewards. They will have to pay their own expenses and arrive at the ground early. There will be no dearth of applicants, and it is the latest method of trying to pass the privileges around to those deserving them.

REFEREE PLEASES

The referee at the South Yarra-Moreland game may have set up a world's record — none of his decisions were hooted by the spectators and very few queried by the players. He operated without official linesmen; one day they will be considered essential for the First Division.

WOT, NO PENALTY?

If any were stumped over the poser last week, the defender handled the ball in the penalty area when a goal kick was dropping short to an opposing forward. As the ball has to go beyond the area to be in play, the back was not penalised, and the kick had to be retaken.

SOCCER STADIUM IN THE OFFING?

Mention was made in this column last year of the possibilities of the Richmond Cricket Club losing their present football tenants in the near future. The latest forecast is that it will happen within the next ten years. The present ground will have to be trimmed, but can still be utilised as a Soccer Stadium.

It is to be expected that Council members are alive to the possibilities

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POT SHOTS

By "ONLOOKER"

TEAM LISTS

Congratulations to all those concerned in having details of every First and Second Division team in Thursday's "Argus". As all the teams could be in the hands of the Editor of "Soccer News" by that day, how about having the lists printed on a double sheet. A supply of these sheets could be forwarded to the clubs with their order of "Soccer News" and officials could place the sheet loose in the front of each magazine. I'm sure such an arrangement would be welcomed by the soccer public. What about it Mr. Dixon?

(It's O.K. with me.—Ed.)

TURNING BACK THE CLOCK

With the State team away in Adelaide for the carnival my mind goes back two years ago when Victoria were hosts. What wonderful entertainment we received that weekend, one of the best exhibitions was that second-half effort of Queensland to make up a 3-0 leeway against New South Wales on the Olympic Park ground. Remember the inspired play of Bunny Nunn and Mal Wild; their go ahead type of soccer was a treat to watch. Then, of course, there was that never-to-be-forgotten match on the Monday between New South Wales and Victoria to decide the winner of the carnival. Although the game was marred to a certain extent by certain incidents, Victoria gave Bobby Bignell and his boys from across the border a sound beating.

GOLDEN TEAM

Hakoah's strengthening of its forward line by the signing of Balabanski for the outside-right position now leaves only a couple of positions that need bolstering before having the team of the year assembled. Cannot help but be impressed by Henry Rice, their new inside-right, and I feel sure Victoria could have done with his services in Adelaide this weekend.

RE-ARRANGEMENT OF FIXTURES

This weekend sees many matches postponed due to the calls on players by the carnival. In one respect it is a pity as, with two games originally scheduled over Easter, the league ladder would have begun to take shape. One thing stands out — the team that defeats Hakoah will have to play 90 minutes of first-class soccer.

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V.A.S.F.A. BULLETIN

Publicity.—At Council meeting, held on Monday, April 5, 1954, the following motion was carried:—

"That all First and Second Division Clubs notify their probable team to "The Age", telephone MF 0301, extension 212, each Wednesday between 8 p.m. and 10 p.m." Clubs failing to notify teams shall be fined 10/- (ten shillings) for the first offence, rising by 10/- (ten shillings) for each successive offence with a maximum of £5 (five pounds).

Official Broadcast—Each Friday throughout the season "Spotlight on Soccer" will be broadcast from Station 3UZ at 6.45 p.m. The programme has been extended in time and more information and items will be included. Among your regular items will be: Official Council news, fixtures (including any alterations), Review of First Division prospects, International News "World Round-up", Club Spotlight, and at least three personal interviews.

Ace sports broadcaster, Tony Charlton, will again compere the programme. Remember the time — 6.45 p.m. to 7.15 p.m. every Friday.

Alteration to Address.—Yallourn S.C. Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. L. Mack, notifies his address is No. 4, and not No. 3, Allambu Crescent, Yallourn.

Alteration to Fixtures.—Third Division Officials please note! On 17/4/54 Dandenong will play Williamstown at Dandenong. The return fixture will be played at Williamstown on 3/7/54. Reserve teams will play curtain raisers on both dates. Dandenong Secretary is Mr. J. A. Newham, 16 William Avenue, Dandenong.

Ukrainia S.C. officials please note! Ukrainia senior team will play on No. 2 Oval, Royal Park, as per Official Year Book. Reserve team will play on No. 6 Oval, Royal Park.

J.U.S.T. Soccer Club please note! The Acting Secretary is Mr. D. Ivanovic, 1a Park Crescent, North Williamstown, until further notice.

D. S. C. Wilhelmina. All future correspondence should be addressed to D. S. C. Wilhelmina, c/o. Ametco, 83 William Street, Melbourne, C.1.

Slovakia S.C.—The Secretary of Slovakia is Mr. M. Koval, and not L. Kolan, as stated in the Official Year Book. The address is 206 Canterbury Road, St. Kilda.

Postponed Matches.—April 19, 1954, Moreland v. Prahran — First Division, will be played at a later date.

Olympic Park — further fixtures are:—
Sunday, 18/4/54 — Maccabi v. Sunshine City.
Monday, 19/4/54 — White Eagles v. Maccabi.
Saturday, 24/4/54 — Prahran v. Brighton.
Sunday, 25/4/54 — No matches — Anzac Day.
Saturday, 1/5/54 — Box Hill v. Hakoah.
Sunday, 2/5/54 — Polonia v. J.U.S.T.

Results of Matches.—All clubs are required to telephone results to the Secretary, UY 8347, as usual on Easter Monday, April 19, 1954.

Referees.—Would any prospective referee please contact Mr. T. Dignam, 18 Helm Street, Aspendale, telephone XY 2344, as referees are required for the Provisional League, which will commence on May 1, 1954.—S. Beaton, Secretary V.A.S.F.A.

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RECORD CROWD

What a grand game it was last Saturday between Polonia and Juventus — a draw was a good result. The crowd, estimated at about 7000, must have been one of the best ever for a league match.

The ex-Juventus player, Pittoni, turned on a great game against his old team-mates. Formerly an inside-forward he has been starring at left-fullback, and Saturday's effort was well worth the point for Polonia. Thomas, Polonia's new outside-left, gave a promising display and will probably do better after a few more games when the team is playing and combining better.

SOUTH YARRA OUT OF LUCK

I believe Brighton was very lucky to force a draw against South Yarra as the latter team hit both the crossbar and the upright with unlucky shots.

General opinion of those that saw the match was how uninteresting the game was except for the good goals scored by McNiel, of South Yarra, and Wilson, of Brighton.

Home and Away—Continued

and have planned accordingly. What is needed, of course, is some form of contract in advance, otherwise we will find that the ground will be considered vital for the playing of "Seconds" matches of Australian Rules. The putting forward of a proposal to filch more Crown Land for another ground was one of the best examples of cool cheek in years, coming so soon after the veto on the South Melbourne enclosed soccer area.

It can be mentioned again, with some relish, that the only occasion on which the gates of the ground were closed was for the match against an English XI in 1951.

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Some aspects of Soccer Coaching

PART I.

By VIVIAN J. CHALWIN
(Australian Test Coach, Chief Instructor Coach for N.S.W., and qualified English F.A. Coach.)

Soccer Coaching is a means to an end. Whether one views the game through the eyes of the player or through the eyes of the spectator, there is no doubt that there is a great deal more enjoyment and entertainment derived from skilful and constructive play than there is from "kick and rush" tactics.

100,000 people at Wembley, 150,000 at Hamden Park and 220,000 at Rio de Janeiro don't just go to see a leather encased bladder of air kicked into a stringed wooden frame. Whilst the team who score the most goals is adjudged the winner, the playing enjoyment and entertainment value are not, of necessity, proportionate to the number of goals scored. In fact, a goal-less draw can provide a very entertaining match, but to do this it must contain skilful and constructive football.

This is where coaching fits into the picture, and I would like to deal with three phases of Soccer Coaching in this article:

1. Teaching the Fundamental Skills.
2. Coaching senior players and teams.
3. Coaching a representative or international team.

Before I go any further, let me say that the only really lasting results are obtained from **teaching the fundamental skills** and teaching them to **youngsters.** There is no easy **"quick result"** method that can give a permanent improvement in the standard of play. However, as a stop-gap measure, a certain amount of practical coaching can be used to improve the standard of play, and I will deal with this later in my article.

Firstly, then, let us consider **coaching the fundamental skills.**

How often, even with players who have reached international standard, do we find that there is a fundamental weakness in their ability which originates from lack of proper coaching when they were first learning the game. How, too often they are able to kick well with only one foot and have to fashion their play accordingly.

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Some Aspects of Soccer Coaching—cont.

Obviously, coaching fundamental skills to youngsters will meet with varied results. Some boys who are what one calls "born" footballers, will be able to get the maximum advantage from the coaching and become greater players than they would do without proper coaching. Instruction, however, skilful, will not, in itself, "manufacture" footballers.

What we aim to do is to teach the **correct method** of performing the fundamental skills of kicking, trapping, running with the ball and dribbling, passing and interpassing, tackling, heading, throwing-in and goal-keeping.

The boys must be taught the importance of the position of the **non-kicking foot** to control the flight and direction of the ball . . . where the instep must strike the ball in order to keep it low . . . or alternatively to loft it . . . how, to kick the ball straight, it must be struck in its "vertical centre" . . . and how this is varied to produce the inswinger and the outswinger. . . how, when performing the "chip" kick, a back-spin is imparted to the ball to "kill" the bounce . . . how to obtain distance with the "dead ball" kick . . . the proper execution of the straight volley, the volley on the turn and the half volley . . . how the "wedge" is the principle on which trapping the ball is based, and how from the trap with the sole of the foot or the side of the leg the "trap pass" is developed . . . how to bring the ball under control with the chest and head . . . how to control the ball with the inside and outside of either foot when running with it and dribbling past an opponent . . . how to "sell the dummy" as it is called . . . how to develop accurate passing and interpassing . . the fundamentals of heading . . . how it is that to head the ball upwards the player **looks** upwards, and to head the ball down he **looks** down . . . then the correct method of tackling must be taught . . . now the shoulder is used in the front block tackle and how to use the sliding tackle with discretion . . . how to hold the ball correctly for the throw-in so that all the power of the arms and body is put into the throw . . . how, too, the goal-keeper must be taught the very fundamental points of goal-keeping . . . "the hands behind the ball" and "the body behind the hands" and so on.

(To be continued)

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A Centre Half worth watching!

MORRIE PAYNE OF SOUTH YARRA

By CHARLES DODD

Back in 1951 there came from the "Black Country" in the English Midlands, a seasoned amateur soccer player who is now well known as South Yarra's stalwart centre-half — Morrie Payne.

Having learned his game in the school playgrounds, Morrie gained much experience when playing with Allen's Cross in the Birmingham Amateur League, a league which has produced many a star player. He later played for Bromsgrove in the Birmingham Combination.

The standard of amateur soccer in the Midlands is very high, with no shortage of players and there is no doubt that Morrie had to be good to hold his place in his team.

During the war he served with the Royal Air Force in India and represented his unit in teams which played against Denis Compton's and Tommy Walker's teams.

Returning to England at the end of hostilities, he played in the Birmingham Youths and Old Boys' League. He tells us he was the "old boy"!

When he first arrived here he joined South Yarra club and for a time played centre-half in the second team. Later he moved to left-half and Tommy Sharp played centre-half. This is now his third season as centre-half in the first team.

To Morrie, who is an engineer, and thirty-two years of age, a tribute is due for the way he has stuck to his club. A little less chopping and changing from one team to another would be appreciated by most clubs. To quote a spectator who was overheard remarking on this subject, "It is hard to remember what team you are watching, so many players have transferred."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sir, having read in the paper the Council's decision to postpone Hakoah's Easter fixtures, I think that it is unfair to other clubs. After all, haven't they any capable reserves — it doesn't say much for a First Division club if they are in that state.

Also, whilst on the subject, I seem to recall that Arsenal once supplied eight members of its First Eleven for international soccer, surely they didn't cancel their league fixture that day.—W. Hansford.

(It is customary practise in Victoria to grant permission to any club to postpone fixtures if more than a certain number of its players are required for the State side. Hakoah have no less than six players in the Victorian team in Adelaide — a burden no club could be expected to carry.—Ed.)

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AROUND THE CLUBS

FAIRFIELD

Under ideal conditions but with the ground still very hard, 'Fairfield made amends for their defeat at the hands of Williamstown the previous week. With two regular players out of the team with injuries, the home team combined well to defeat Sandringham City, 2-0.

Both teams battled hard to find the weakness in the other's defence. First to make a mistake was the visitors, who scored for Fairfield. This seemed to demoralise Sandringham and soon after half-time J. Torma scored Fairfield's second goal. From there on the standard of play deteriorated, with both teams doing their share of bustling. Fairfield's only fault at present can be easily overcome with regular training; remember, chaps, when the pressure is on, the fit team comes out on top.

J.U.S.T.

J.U.S.T. defeated Moreland, 6-3. The weather was again very kind to us, and it brought out a large crowd to watch fortunes change in favor of J.U.S.T. Before the game Sam Horrobin (Moreland) was very confident and went so far as to say that Moreland has a good enough team to beat J.U.S.T. and also to win the championship this season.

Eric Heath played again for Moreland, but at left-half instead of full-back. With Strachan at inside-right, and Loughlan at outside-right, Moreland has an Irish pair on the right wing. Bob Wemyss, Strachan, Asling and the centre-half of Moreland will travel with the Victorian team to play in the Carnival at Adelaide.

This defeat was an awful shock for Moreland, and on this form the greatly improved J.U.S.T. side are going to cause some headaches to the best clubs in the first Division. Alempijevic opened up the score for J.U.S.T. from the centre by Zivic, the newly-acquired outside-right from Belgrade, Adelaide. For long periods J.U.S.T. had the Moreland defence with its back to the wall, resisting furious attacks. The equalising goal came from Englhogen, the Austrian inside-left, who plays his first season in Melbourne soccer. After half-time, Moreland scored again through Hardiman, and the third goal came when the J.U.S.T. defence expected a shot from Strachan, but instead he swung the ball over to Hardiman who made no mistake. Moreland seemed to have the game in their pockets until Alempijevic, and later Senussin, scored for J.U.S.T. Senussin's goal was the best goal I have seen for a very long time. From now on it was all J.U.S.T. again, Hefanovic scored the fourth, and Alempijevic registered the fifth, and the hat-trick for the day. The last goal was scored by Peter Vidovic, who missed several sitters during the game.

The crowd left the game well satisfied, and no wonder; they got their money's worth — 9 goals in one game means less than 3d. per goal, provided they all dropped their two bobs in the box.

After the game Mr. Horrobin said that J.U.S.T. was the better team, and they deserved to win. He also remarked that the Moreland forward line functioned well, but the defence let them down badly. Well, here is a good sportsman for you. Please, will all clubs and their officials, and before I forget, their supporters, take notice (this is most important), thank you!

Ivan Kuketz asked me to mention that he was "shaking with excitement" and that he is very happy to have produced a good team at last. He also told me that Copeland, who played for Hakoah and transferred to Juventus last year, would like to join J.U.S.T., and that his club had already signed him up. Copeland is playing at present with I.C.I., a Fourth Division club, whose ultimate aim is the First Division.

Mr. Z. Lukinovic (ex-secretary) J.U.S.T. has resigned this week through pressure of business. [J.U.S.T., keep notes down to 150 words, please.—EDITOR.]

MARIBYRNONG TROJAN

In the first game of the season our First team had a clear victory over Nunawading with a score of 7-0. Nunawading kept on attacking for all the 90 minutes of the game, but could not break through our defence line. Our goalkeeper had to come out only twice for a dangerous ball. Our best man on the field was B. Pocerutina (capt.), who scored the first three goals. Other scorers were: Zavattiero (2), J. Folk and B. Kurt.

Many thanks to Nunawading for the nice and friendly game.

Our Reserve team won 2 points from Nunawading—they didn't turn up.

Our second game at home against Heidelberg was another victory with a score of 2-0. Our forward line seemed to be too tired to play soccer. The reason was that most of them have been working until an hour before the game started. We played a very slow, but good soccer game, with B. Kurt scoring the first goal from 20 yards. J. Folk (centre-forward) scored the second goal shortly before half-time. Result at half-time: Maribyrnong 2, Heidelberg 0.

In the second half Maribyrnong Trojan played a more defensive game, but Heidelberg was still very lucky that they had S. Simak (Slovakian goalkeeper) in the goal, who saved three or four 100 per cent. goals for them. He was the best of all the 22 players on the field. Maribyrnong Trojan took 14 corner kicks against 2. Our best player was J. Schaffer, who played brilliant soccer. Forward!—J. TOLNAI.

I.C.I. v. WILHELMINA

In a hard-fought and clean game, in which the honors appeared even, Wilhelmina were able to take away the points by a well-directed scoring shot from 30 yards out, the ball deflecting off the upright into the net. This score was only registered after 70 minutes' play. Both teams had opportunities of scoring, but too many kicks went over the bar. Nevertheless, the defences of both sides were on top of the opposing forwards throughout the match. An equaliser almost came to the I.C.I. when Copeland sent in a hot shot which hit the underside of the cross-bar.

I.C.I. Reserves, playing with 10 men, managed to play a draw.

Success came to the Under 15 team in a victory over Moorabbin, while only eight players of the Under 17 team went to Prahran to lose heavily.—BILL BOWMAN.

PRESTON

Preston's improvement in team work for their first home game against Geelong gave them two points. This may seem very satisfactory, but until

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there is a greater effort towards constructive defence, points will be lost against accurate forwards. The first half standard of play from both teams was good and Preston took the lead with a goal by Tormey—a versatile and promising player. In the second half unnecessary flares of temperament marred the play, Geelong playing themselves out of any hopes of victory. Preston scored again through Barnes. Peak, in goal, gave a first-class display. Final result: 2-0.

SLAVIA

After last Saturday's win against Frankston, Slavia team travelled to F.N.D. and registered a well-deserved 5-0 victory.

Our boys played a good, clean game with a lot of short ground passes and good shots. On F.N.D.'s showing in this game, they are a good, hard-working team to be reckoned with, and they were very unlucky not to score as they had many opportunities. The best players in our team were the inside trio, with our Scotch-born player (J. Dixon) starring. Slavia team heartily thanks F.N.D. for a very good game.

Our Reserve team won in a good, fast game against Astor, 4-1, and we hope they will do just as well in the future. All the players are hoping that our committee will continue in their magnificent job for the club.—MIRO VLCEK.

SOUTH YARRA

South Yarra Reserves continued on their winning way by beating Brighton Reserves, 3-2.

Goals by Boyle and McLean put Yarra in the lead. In the second half, a good movement by Boyle resulted in a Brighton defender, heading into his own goal. Two beautiful goals by Roberts reduced Yarra's lead and for a while a hectic struggle went on with both sides playing hard, but time marched on and Yarra finished the victors.

The First team, playing at Elsternwick Park, brought home a very valuable point (Good work, lads), and thus astounded the critics. Let us hope this is the start to a few winning games.

Yarra's social club are doing good work again for the teams and have arranged some very interesting items, more of which will be heard of anon. Heartiest congratulations from the club to the newly-weds, Mr. and Mrs. S. Howell, and also to Mr. P. Gibbons and his bride-to-be, who are marrying on April 17. May there be more than fences running around both your homes.—W. E. BENYON.

UPPER YARRA DAM CLUB

Our team and supporters travelled to Prince's Park last Saturday and met University. With a very warm day and solid ground surface, both teams tired noticeably after half time. Although our club has been advised officially that the availability of referees is a difficult problem for Third and Fourth Division matches, our club committee suggests that V.A.S.F.A. could perhaps insist that Referees Association be good enough to advise League clubs through V.A.S.F.A. if a referee is not going to be provided. A position can easily arise where a club charters a bus for say £25 and then face the possibility that no referee will be available at the home field.

In the case of the match at Prince's Park the match did not commence until 3.20 p.m., while a spectator from another match was recruited to handle the game. U.Y.D. made a few changes in their side for this second League match, and this resulted in a settling down with all team members doing their bit, as shown to an extent by the resulting final score of 7 to 1 in our favor. University had some speedy men, including the nippy Chong, who scored the opponent's goal. Play slowed considerably after the first ten minutes of the second half and scarcely became really zippy afterwards until the final 10 minutes when U.Y.D. pushed three goals through. Scorers for U.Y.D. were A. McKay (1), H. Knippel (1), L. Ricciotti (2), B. B. Gorawski (3).

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WILLIAMSTOWN CLUB

The Williamstown Club have certainly started off well in season 1954. Both our teams being victorious in the first two games. The first eleven, playing at home, defeated Fairfield when the final score was 2-1. McCully found the net on each occasion. The result of the Reserve fixture was also a 2-1 victory, Blaney scoring both goals. Our second match was played at Coburg, the final result, 6-2, in our favor. Carter 4 goals and Williamson 2 goals, were the sharpshooters. Our Reserve team won on the Maddox Road ground, result 5-0.

A friendly game played against the personnel of the Royal Dutch Naval ship, Van Kinsbergen, saw Williamstown win a game that was a better exhibition of football than the result indicated: the game was witnessed by quite a good crowd, among whom were many members of the Dutch community who reside in the Williamstown district. The final score was 7-1. Keep training, "Willie", you are out for promotion this year, not battling to escape relegation as the case was last season. Chop! Chop!

COBURG UNITED

The first team played Williamstown at Cole Reserve. The first half of the game was evenly contested, Williamstown registered two goals, one being a penalty. J. Lyons, of Coburg, found the net for our first major. Half-time score, Williamstown 2, Coburg 1. After resumption, through lack of understanding, Coburg went to pieces and Williamstown took advantage and pressed forward and put the issue beyond doubt.

J. Lyons, from a penalty, netted, and thus was the only scorer for Coburg. Final score: Williamstown 6, Coburg 2.

The report on this match is a very unfavorable one, and it must be realised by the players that they must play as a team in a match and at practise if they expect to win games. Therefore, practise makes perfect — try it sometime.

The Reserve team played Williamstown at their home ground. With only eight men our boys put up a terrific fight all round. Being short of players did not dampen their morale. Williamstown scoring all five goals to Coburg's nil, was definitely not an indication as to how we played.

Williamstown must admit they had "had it" when full time was up. Well done, boys.—E.H.

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JUNIOR SECTION

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BREACH OF RULES

Prahran Club contravened Rule 10 Para. (c) of the League Rules in that they failed to phone the result of their Under 17 game on April 10 to the Official Receiver of Results, Mr. Wilshaw.

Brighton and Coburg Clubs also contravened this League Rule on April 10, when they failed to phone through the results of their Under 14 games. All three clubs will receive notices of fines.

WITHDRAWALS

Sandringham City Club has withdrawn its teams from the Under 20 and Under 17 Divisions, and Fairfield Club has withdrawn its team from the Under 17 Division. A re-draw of the Under 17 Division is to be made, and clubs will be advised.

GAMES NOT PLAYED ON APRIL 10

Under 15: Pascoe Vale v. South Melbourne United. South Melbourne forfeited to Pascoe Vale. South Melbourne United will be fielding its Under 15 team as from May 1.

VACANCIES FOR TEAMS

Three vacancies exist in the junior competitions — Under 20, Under 17 and Under 15 Divisions. Clubs wishing to enter a team in these grades are advised to contact the Association Secretary without delay.

LAWS OF THE GAME

Clubs are advised that it is an offence to coach teams from the side-lines and goal-lines during a match. Under Law 12 (Obstruction) it is now an offence for a defender keeping an attacker off the goalkeeper. This is covered on Page 91 of the 1954 V.A.S.F.A. Official Year Book.

MANAGER/COACH WANTED

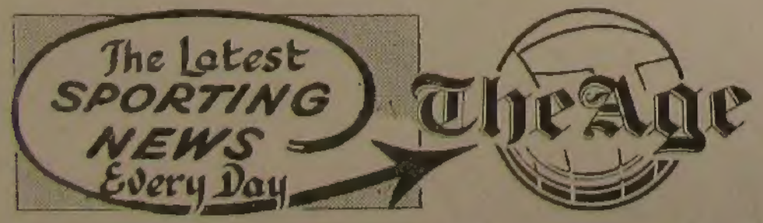
A volunteer coach is required who will be available Saturday mornings to travel with a junior team, preferably someone who lives in the Maribyrnong, Moonee Ponds, Ascot Vale, or Essendon districts. All enquiries to the Junior Association Secretary, J. A. Olsen, 314 Inkerman Street, East St. Kilda.

MOORABBIN CITY

The Under 14 team had their second win and won convincingly against Hakoah 3-1. Keep this up, lads, and you will show the Seniors how to win matches.

The Under 15 travelled to Deer Park and played I.C.I. They failed to register a victory but, owing to being four players short, they put up a terrific performance, by losing 3-nil to I.C.I. The lads all played well and to pick one out for outstanding performance would be futile. Many thanks to I.C.I. for a good game.

Under 17 were hosts to Brighton and they, too, lost 5-0. Again, here, we have the players forming themselves into a team which will not be long in winning some matches. Perhaps if the captain (P. Trimble) was to settle down in one position, that would help the other lads.



RESERVE LEAGUE TABLES

AS AT APRIL 10, 1954

First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Box Hill	2	2	0	0	4	1	4
Polonia	2	2	0	0	4	1	4
South Yarra	2	2	0	0	5	2	4
J.U.S.T.	2	1	1	0	7	4	3
Footscray City	2	1	0	1	7	2	2
Hakoah	2	1	0	1	3	9	2
Moreland	2	0	1	1	4	6	1
Brighton	2	0	0	2	3	5	0
Prahran	2	0	0	2	2	6	0
Juventus	2	0	0	2	1	4	0

Second Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
George Cross	2	2	0	0	11	1	4
Sunshine City	2	0	0	2	10	6	4
Geelong	2	2	0	0	4	2	4
South Melbourne	2	1	1	0	8	0	3
Yallourn	2	1	0	1	3	2	2
Preston	2	1	0	1	3	3	2
Park Rangers	2	0	1	1	0	4	1
Sunshine United	2	0	0	2	1	10	0
Maccabi	2	0	0	2	1	10	0
White Eagles	2	0	0	2	0	9	0

Third Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hellenic	2	2	0	0	16	1	4
Williamstown	2	2	0	0	7	1	4
Dandenong	2	2	0	0	7	2	4
Sandringham City	2	2	0	0	7	2	4
Slavia	2	2	0	0	7	3	4
Union Jack	2	0	0	2	4	8	0
Fairfield	2	0	0	2	2	6	0
Astor	2	0	0	2	2	8	0
Coburg	2	0	0	2	0	7	0
Moorabbin City	2	0	0	2	1	15	0

Fourth Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
St. Albans	2	2	0	0	26	2	4
St. Kilda	2	2	0	0	7	2	4
Maribyrnong	2	2	0	0	4	2	4
I.C.I.	2	1	1	0	1	1	3
Bayswater	2	1	0	1	1	1	2
Wilhelmina	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Heidelberg	2	0	0	2	2	4	0
Werribee	1	0	0	1	1	5	0
University	2	0	0	2	2	20	0
Nunawading	2	0	0	2	0	0	0

JUNIOR LEAGUE TABLES

AS AT APRIL 10, 1954

Under 20 Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Pascoe Vale	2	2	0	0	5	1	4
Sunshine United	2	2	0	0	3	1	4
Juventus	2	1	0	1	7	1	2
Brighton	1	1	0	1	5	3	2
Polonia	2	1	0	1	5	5	2
Sunshine City	1	1	0	1	3	4	2
Footscray City	2	1	0	1	4	5	2
Box Hill	2	1	0	1	7	9	2
Preston	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Hakoah	2	0	0	2	3	7	0
Frankston	1	0	0	1	2	7	0

Under 17 Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sunshine City	2	2	0	0	12	0	4
Brighton	2	2	0	0	7	1	4
Pascoe Vale	1	1	0	0	2	6	2
Sunshine United	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Box Hill	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
St. Kilda	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
I.C.I. (Deer Park)	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Moorabbin City	2	0	0	2	0	13	0
Prahran	No results received.						

Under 15 Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sunshine United	2	2	0	0	26	1	4
Box Hill	2	2	0	0	10	0	4
I.C.I. (Deer Park)	1	1	0	0	3	0	2
Essendon	2	1	0	1	3	2	2
Preston	2	1	0	1	1	4	2
Pascoe Vale	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Sunshine City	1	0	0	1	1	5	0
Moorabbin City	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
Park Rangers	1	0	0	1	0	6	0
Brighton	1	0	0	1	0	21	0
Sth. Melb United	Not yet played						

Under 14 Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Box Hill "A"	2	2	0	0	19	0	4
Moorabbin City	2	2	0	0	18	1	4
Prahran	1	1	0	0	6	0	2
Sth. Melb United	2	1	0	1	17	6	2
Hakoah	2	1	0	1	5	3	2
Brighton "B"	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Sunshine City	2	0	1	1	0	4	1
Box Hill "B"	1	0	0	1	0	8	0
Park Rangers	1	0	0	1	0	11	0
Fairfield	2	0	0	2	0	32	0
Brighton "A"	No results received.						
Coburg United	No results received.						

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AS AT APRIL 10, 1954.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	Goals A.	P.
Hakoah	2	2	0	0	14	4	4
J.U.S.T.	2	2	0	0	11	5	4
Juventus	2	1	1	0	5	0	3
Brighton	2	1	1	0	3	2	3
Moreland	2	1	0	1	10	7	2
Footscray City	2	1	0	1	8	12	2
Polonia	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
South Yarra	2	0	1	1	2	8	1
Box Hill	2	0	0	2	4	10	0
Prahran	2	0	0	2	3	11	0

Second Division

Sunshine City	2	2	0	0	9	4	4
Yallourn	2	1	1	0	6	2	3
Preston	2	1	1	0	4	2	3
George Cross	2	1	1	0	6	3	3
South Melbourne	2	1	0	1	5	6	2
Park Rangers	2	1	0	1	7	6	2
Maccabi	2	0	1	1	5	6	1
Geelong	2	0	1	1	2	4	1
Sunshine United	2	0	1	1	1	5	1
White Eagles	2	0	0	2	2	9	0

Third Division

Dandenong	2	2	0	0	7	1	4
Hellenic	2	2	0	0	9	2	4
Slavia	2	2	0	0	8	2	4
Williamstown	2	2	0	0	8	3	4
Fairfield	2	1	0	1	3	2	2
Sandringham City	2	1	0	1	2	3	2
Frankston	2	0	0	2	2	6	0
Moorabbin City	2	0	0	2	2	6	0
Coburg	2	0	0	2	3	10	0
F.N.D.	2	0	0	2	1	10	0

Fourth Division

Ukrainia	2	2	0	0	12	0	4
Maribyrnong	2	2	0	0	9	0	4
Wilhelmina	2	2	0	0	8	1	4
I.C.I.	2	1	0	1	8	2	2
Shell	2	1	0	1	4	1	2
Upper Yarra Dam	2	1	0	1	7	6	2
Slovakia	2	1	0	1	1	5	2
University	2	0	0	2	2	11	0
Heidelberg	2	0	0	2	1	10	0
Nunawading	2	0	0	2	0	14	0

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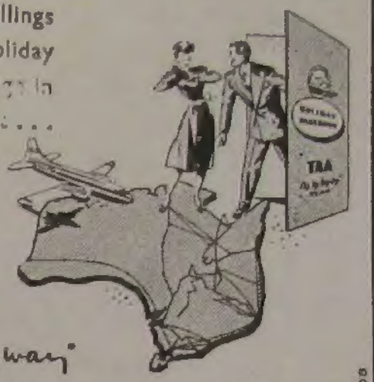

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